



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on September 23, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on December 23, 2003. Enclosed herewith are a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a two-month extension of time extending the period for response to February 23, 2004. Also enclosed herewith are a check for \$770.00 for the RCE and a check for \$420.00 for the extension of time fee. This response is being filed within the extended period for response and therefore no additional fees are believed to be required at this time. In the event that additional fees are required with respect to this communication,

the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul deposit account number 16-0750.

This amendment is accompanied by and is intended to fulfill the submission requirement for the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, this amendment should be entered.

Please amend the application as follows: